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In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

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STATEMENT AND
CERTIFICATION

January 14, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Examiner Arora:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted in compliance with the timing requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(1), i.e., after the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a final Action or Notice of Allowance.

Attached are copies of five Japanese patent documents, which were first cited in the attached Japanese Office Action (English-language translation also is attached) mailed on November 13, 2007, issued in connection with the Japanese application No. 2002-325771. Also attached are English-language abstracts of the documents, from which any relevance of the documents can be gleaned. The documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

It is brought to the Examiner's attention that the Japanese patent document No. 2001-298050, which was also cited in the Japanese Office Action, is not being submitted with this IDS, since it was already previously listed on the form PTO-1449 submitted with the IDS filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 13, 2006.

It is hereby certified that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with certification and before the mailing date of a final action or Notice of Allowance, no fee is required, and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98 are deemed to be fully met as to all documents listed. Consideration of the listed documents respectfully is requested.

Should any fee be required, however, the Director is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002.

Respectfully submitted,

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